



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **MOBILITY FUND PHASE I SUPPORT AUTHORIZED FOR 11 WINNING BIDS**

### **DEFAULT ON 35 WINNING BIDS DETERMINED**

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau (“Bureaus”) authorize Mobility Fund Phase I support for the winning bids identified in Attachment A of this Public Notice.<sup>1</sup> With the authorization identified in this Public Notice, all Auction 901 winning bids have been authorized, and the long-form applications will now be made available to the public.

For each of the winning bids identified in Attachment A, the Bureaus have reviewed the long-form application information, including the letter of credit (LOC) and Bankruptcy Code opinion letter from the winning bidder’s legal counsel. Based on the representations and certifications in the relevant long-form application, the Bureaus authorize support for the winning bids listed in Attachment A. The winning bidder for which support is authorized as listed on Attachment A has defaulted on its remaining winning bids. Attachment B of this Public Notice identifies the defaulted bids of the winning bidder. Support is not authorized for these defaulted bids.<sup>2</sup>

Upon issuance of this public notice, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is directed and authorized to obligate and disburse from the Universal Service Fund (USF) the amounts identified in Attachment A (net of any applicable auction default payment identified in Attachment B) to the winning bidder associated with each study area specified in Attachment A. USAC will make disbursement payments to the account on file for the Service Provider Identification Number associated with the Mobility Fund Phase I study area code (SAC).

The initial disbursement of Mobility Fund Phase I support is equal to one-third of the total winning bid amount. We remind recipients that a winning bidder that has been authorized to receive Mobility Fund Phase I support will be subject to a performance default payment if it fails or is unable to meet its coverage requirement, other service requirements, or fails to fulfill any other term or condition of Mobility Fund Phase I support.<sup>3</sup> The performance default payment for Auction 901 is ten percent of the

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<sup>1</sup> See *Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Closes; Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 901*, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 12031 (WTB/WCB 2012).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.21004; *Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Scheduled for September 27, 2012, Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 901*, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 4725, 4775-77 ¶¶ 183-87 (2012) (*Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice*) (establishing an auction default payment of five percent of the total defaulted winning bid when default occurs prior to authorization of support).

<sup>3</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17814, ¶¶ 460-61 (2011) *aff’d sub nom.*, *In re: FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014).

total level of support for which a winning bidder is eligible.<sup>4</sup> Under the terms of the LOC, the Commission will be entitled to draw upon the LOC upon a recipient's failure to comply with the terms and conditions upon which USF support was authorized.

For further information, contact the offices listed below.

**Universal Service Administrative Company  
(USAC) - Disbursement Procedures**

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Cecilia Sulhoff at (202) 418-0587

**General Universal Service Information**

**Wireline Competition Bureau,  
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**Auction 901 Information**

Post-Auction Rules, Policies, and Regulations

**Auctions and Spectrum Access Division**  
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**Tribal Issues**

Additional information for entities seeking to  
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**Office of Native Affairs and Policy**  
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This Public Notice contains the following Attachments:

Attachment A: Authorized Winning Bidders and Bids

Attachment B: Winning Bidders and Bids in Default

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<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 54.1006(f); *Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice*, 27 FCC Rcd at 4777-78 ¶¶ 189-92.